

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8 (Canceled).

9 (Currently amended). An apparatus for holding and uncoiling a length of conduit comprising

a base,

a mast having a post coupled to the base so as to extend ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the base, the mast including a support arm coupled to the post to extend ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the post, and a retaining arm coupled to the support arm to extend ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the support arm, the support arm and the retaining arm supporting the length of conduit, and

a guide bar sized and configured for passage over the post to rest on and support the length of conduit, the guide bar including a direction control device to permit movement of the guide bar in one direction along the post while preventing movement of the guide bar in the opposite direction along the post.

10 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim 9

wherein the post is hingedly coupled to the base so as to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition for storage and an upright position in which the post extends ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the base.

11 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim 9

wherein the support arm is hingedly coupled to the post to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition in which the support arm is coaxial with the post and an extended condition in which the support arm extends ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the post.

12 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim 9

wherein the retaining arm is hingedly coupled to the support arm to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition in which the retaining arm is coaxial with the support arm and an extended condition in which the retaining arm extends ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the support arm.

13 (Original). An apparatus as in claim 9

wherein the base is sized and configured to engage a lid to form a housing for containing the mast

14 (Original). An apparatus as in claim 9

wherein the direction control device is a pipe clamp.

15 (Original). An apparatus as in claim 13, further comprising

a guide stand coupleable to the housing and having a guide window sized and configured for passage of the conduit.

16 (Currently amended). An apparatus for holding and uncoiling a length of conduit comprising

a base, and

a mast having a post coupled to the base so as to extend ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the base, the mast including a support arm hingedly coupled to the post to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition in which the support arm is coaxial with the post and extends, at least in part, beside and essentially parallel to the post and an extended condition in which the support arm extends ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the post, and a retaining arm hingedly coupled to the support arm to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition in which the retaining arm is coaxial with the support arm and extends, at least in part, beside and essentially parallel to the support arm and an extended condition in which the retaining arm extends ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the support arm, the support arm and the retaining arm supporting the conduit, ~~and~~

~~a guide bar sized and configured for passage over the post to rest on and support the length of conduit.~~

17 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim 16

wherein the post is hingedly coupled to the base so as to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition for storage and an upright position in which the post extends ~~radially from~~ essentially perpendicular to the base.

18 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim 16, further comprising

a guide bar sized and configured for passage over the post to rest on and support the length of conduit

~~wherein the retaining arm is hingedly coupled to the support arm to be selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition in which the retaining arm is coaxial with the support arm and an extended condition in which the retaining arm extends radially from the support arm.~~

19 (Original). An apparatus as in claim 16

wherein the base is sized and configured to engage a lid to form a housing for containing the mast.

20 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim 18 46

wherein the guide bar includes a direction control device to permit movement of the guide bar in one direction along the post while preventing movement of the guide bar in the opposite direction along the post.

21 (Original). An apparatus as in claim 20

wherein the direction control device is a pipe clamp.

22 (Original). An apparatus as in claim 19, further comprising

a guide stand coupleable to the housing and having a guide window sized and configured for passage of the conduit.

23-38 (Canceled).

39 (Currently amended). An apparatus for holding and uncoiling a length of coiled conduit, the coiled conduit having a top surface, a bottom surface, and an inner circumference, the apparatus comprising

a base, and

a stand coupleable to the base, the stand comprising

(a) a first member adapted to continuously contact and support the bottom surface of the conduit during uncoiling,

(b) a second member adapted to continuously contact and support the top surface of the conduit during uncoiling, and

(c) a third member adapted to continuously contact and support the inner circumference of the conduit during uncoiling, the third member being selectively pivotable between a collapsed condition in which the third member is coaxial with the first member and extends, at least in part, beside and essentially parallel to the first member and an extended condition in which the third member extends essentially perpendicular from the first member.

40 (Currently amended). An apparatus as in claim ~~39~~ 26

wherein the stand is hingedly coupled to the base.

41 (New). An apparatus for holding and uncoiling a length of coiled conduit, the coiled conduit having a top surface, a bottom surface, and an inner circumference, the apparatus comprising

a base, and

a stand coupleable to the base, the stand comprising

(a) a first member adapted to continuously contact and support the bottom surface of the conduit during uncoiling,

(b) a second member adapted to continuously contact and support the top surface of the conduit during uncoiling, the second member including a direction control device to permit movement of the second member in one direction while preventing movement of the second member in the opposite direction, and

(c) a third member adapted to continuously contact and support the inner circumference of the conduit during uncoiling.

42 (New). An apparatus as in claim 41

wherein the stand is hingedly coupled to the base.